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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Sir:

In reply to the September 26, 2002 Office Action, this application has been amended as indicated below. A marked up version showing the incorporated changes is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1-3, 6, 9, 11-16, and 19-27 with the following corresponding replacement claims:

-1. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising:

a carrier,

an NOx absorbent catalyst layer; and

a noble metal containing catalyst layer;

wherein at least one absorbent agent selected from a group consisting of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals is contained in said NOx absorbent catalyst layer; and

wherein an effect inhibiting material for inhibiting an effect of said absorbent agent on

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